

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending in this application. Claims 29 and 32 are currently amended. Claims 1-28 are allowed.

5 Claims 29 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Gagnon, et al. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, applicants submit that the claims are patentable. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

10 The Gagnon Reference specifically requires that the camera heads be independently laterally movable in order to acquire a complete set of data for each view. This motion is actually carried out during the acquisition process. There is no teaching Gagnon of any more of operation in which the heads are not movable with respect to each other.

 Claim 31 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gagnon. This claim is patentable at least for the same reason as claim 29.

15 Claims 29-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Guerard, et al. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, applicants submit that the claims are patentable. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

20 The Guerard reference describes two embodiments. In the first embodiment shown in Fig. 3, the two heads do not have a fixed relationship with respect to each other as especially indicated by the degrees of freedom provided to the individual heads as shown in Fig. 1. In the second (cardiac) embodiment illustrated in Fig. 4, the heads are kept at a 90 degree angle during acquisition (col. 5, lines 28-31). However, they are not fixed with respect to each other. In fact, in order to provide a usable set of data, the lateral positions of the detectors must be pre-set at specific patient specific positions (col. 5, lines 28-67). Thus, the new limitation added to claim 29 is not met.

25 Applicants note that claim 32 has been placed in independent form. It is noted that in Guerard the heads are not rigidly connected at the angle.

Allowance of the application is respectfully awaited. If, however, the Examiner is not convinced and the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conversation may forward the present application toward allowance, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call the undersigned at 1 (877) 428-5468. Please note that this is a direct *toll free* number in the US that is answered in the undersigned's Israel office. Israel is 7 hours ahead of Washington.

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